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C O N F I D E N T I A L LA PAZ 1366

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR BL

SUBJ: VISIT BY SECRETARY OF ARMY AND CHIEF OF STAFF

REF: STATE 044806

1. WE BELIEVE PROPOSED ITINERARY DOES NOT PERMIT TIME FOR
SCHEDEULE IN LA PAZ APPROPRIATE FOR SUCH HIGH LEVEL AND
DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

2. WE PROPOSE, THEREFORE, THAT PARTY AT A MINIMUM ARRIVE IN
LA PAZ BEFORE LUNCH APRIL 4 AND NOT LEAVE UNTIL AFTER LUNCH
APRIL 5. THIS WOULD PERMIT ORDERLY SCHEDULING OF CALLS
ON APPROPRIATE BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT
BANZER WITH WHOM WE ATTEMPTING ARRANGE INTERVIEW, ON
AFTERNOON PRIOR TO SOCIAL EVENT THAT EVENING.
THIS WOULD ALSO PERMIT BRIEFINGS AND VISIT TO ONE BOLIVIAN
MILITARY INSTALLATION AS GUEST OF BOLIVIAN MILITARY MORNING
OF APRIL 5 PRIOR
TO LUNCH AND DEPARTURE. IF THIS ADJUSTMENT IN SCHEDULE
NOT FEASIBLE, AND VISITORS CANNOT ARRIVE PRIOR TO LATE

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AFTERNOON APRIL 4, SUGGEST VISITORS NOT LEAVE LA PAZ
UNTIL EARLY MORNING APRIL 6, THEREBY REDUCING SEVERAL
DAY VISIT TO BRAZIL.

3. IN VIEW CLOSE US/ GOB RELATIONS AND FACT BOLIVIA PRIMARY
RECIPIENT MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN LATIN AMERICA, BOLIVIAN
LEADERSHIP WILL NOT UNDERSTAND LIGHTNING VISIT WHICH DOES
NOT PERMIT TIME FOR PERSONAL CONTACT AND DISCUSSIONS.
IN ADDITION, EFFECTS OF HIGH ALTITUDE ON VISITORS SHOULD
BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, AND A SLOWER PACE IS RECOMMENDED
THAN WOULD BE PERMITTED BY SCHEDULE AS NOW PROPOSED.

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